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## Trustees Approve New Tuition Rates

At their November quarterly meeting, the Avila Board of Trustees approved the College's 1987-88 operating budget including new tuition, room and board rates for next fall. Tuition will rise \$400.00 for full-time students to an annual rate of \$5,100.00. Part time evening and weekend credit will rise to \$110.00, part-time day credits will remain at \$130.00, and Graduate tuition will rise, \$10.00 to \$160.00 per credit hour.

For full-time students, the Guaranteed Tuition Plan will save them a minimum of \$330.00 over the next two years if they are sophomores, and a minimum of \$730.00 over the next three years if they are Freshmen. The plan must be signed, and the premium of \$470.00 paid before December 19, 1986. More information is available in the Student Life Office.

Room and Board rates in the

fall of 1987 will include local telephone service as a standard feature of each room. This will save most students the expense of installation and monthly charges. Any long distance service may be used with the new phone system. The increase in room and board includes the cost of the phone service and will be limited to \$200.00 for returning students, and \$400.00 for all new students. A double room for the year will cost \$2,400.00 next year for a returning student and \$2,600.00 for a new student.

The differential room and board cost for returning and new students was established to minimize the increase in costs for students presently attending Avila, yet bring the room and board charges in line with current costs and charges made at other area colleges.

## Marian Centre to be Renovated Over Break

by Jeff Barker

When Avila students return from their much anticipated Christmas break, they should see some noticeable improvements to the Marian Centre. Built in 1965, the building has remained much the same in the past 21 years. But for the sake of convenience and function, change is on the way.

Tom Lease, Dean for Student Affairs, said that most of the renovation work will occur upstairs. "In the front half of the building, ceiling tiles will be replaced. The ones in place now continually fall out due to things like humidity changes," said Lease. Also on the way are new, more energy efficient lighting fixtures that will be controllable and brighter for students who may study in this area. Track lighting will be added and used for special presentations or programs.

The fireplace in the lounge will be removed. "The fireplace is not functional and is of poor

design," commented Lease. Furniture in this area will remain as it is now, but will possibly be rearranged.

One of the most radical changes will be the extension of the northwest wall to the end of the building, creating two new offices. Lease said this will help to centralize offices for student needs. The entire floor will then be covered with wall-to-wall carpeting.

The project is being financed by part of the student activity fee. Thirty-five dollars of the forty dollar fee is used to finance student activities, with the remaining five dollars used for supplies for student facilities, such as reupholstery work and recreational equipment. It is from this five dollar portion that the work is being financed.

Work on the Marian Centre will begin toward end of finals week, December 15-19, and should be completed sometime in mid-January.

## Successful TV and Movie Actor Re-visits Avila

by Carol Dreyer

Steve Lee, now a professional TV and movie actor returned on November 19 to re-visit Avila. A graduate in 1980, with a major in theater, Steve is a success story that we all like to hear about. Encouraged by our own William J. Louis, PH.D. to attend Avila after viewing him in a high school production, "Red Mill", Steve came to Avila very determined to be an actor.

After graduation Steve chose to head to Los Angeles to pursue a career in video and film. Upon his arrival in Los Angeles he entered acting classes and met a fellow actor and producer. Together they produced and paid for their very own first showcase. These showcase presentations are the way new actors find agents. You invite agents to see your productions hoping agents will like you. The day after their first showcase Steve received a call from an agent. He went with the agent who got him a small part on a TV series for a one night appearance. The agent kept sending him to interviews and getting Steve other guest appearances

and bit parts. Steve never had to get odd jobs other than acting to support himself.

Finally, bigger and better parts started coming in. Two years ago Steve had a major part in a movie with Cheryl Ladd called "Purple Hearts". His first role in a TV series came when he was cast with Suzanne Pleshette in the serial "Maggie Briggs". He has had several guest spots on major shows like "Cheers". His other credits include an upcoming TV series in December 1986, called "Gung Ho". He will also be appearing in a new Walt Disney movie in December. In January of 1987 he will be appearing in his first starring role in a new movie, "The Doll", shot in Rome for several weeks.

In between movies and TV series Steve does voice-overs and commercials. He has starred in three Coors Light Beer commercials and is working on number four. Steve is currently the Coors Light man of the year. He has also been in several Coca Cola commercials. These commercials and voice-overs

can be very lucrative.

At a guest appearance with faculty and students at Avila on November 19, Steve answered the usual questions of why did he move to LA, how did he handle expenses and auditions and how he became known. Steve's advice to Avila's theater students was to go for it: believe in themselves and their talent and to never forget they are a commodity. Steve said he loved Avila when he was here. Avila gave him the opportunity to learn all phases of acting. While here, Steve conducted a two hour seminar with the acting class. One of the primary reasons for Steve's visit was to see one of his favorite teachers, Sister Felice Helms.

Dr. Louie says, "Steve is a good example of hard work paying off. It's the Theater Department's philosophy to encourage people to pursue their goals now in art, theater, communication, music, and not be afraid of insecurity." A good piece of advice for all of us."

## The Gift of Self

by Angela Holder

Among all the hustle and bustle the holiday season brings, it is easy to get caught up in shopping, spending and splurging. After all, giving makes us all feel good and is a big part of what makes the season jolly. But during such buying sprees, we must remember that the gift our families and friends really need and will always cherish is the gift of ourselves.

The gift of self does not fit into a Dillard box, nor can it be wrapped or worn. It is the gift that is still being given long after the tree is down and the presents are cleared away. Giving of self means giving of our time, our patience and our love. It means lending a sympathetic ear to a friend, even when we know we've got problems of our own. Reaching deep into ourselves to find that extra bit of understanding and love is the core of self giving.

Our family and friends need our gifts of self more than they need extravagant presents whose value, no matter how expensive, will fade.

The practice of giving of self can and should be expanded into all areas of our lives, all year round. Allowing others the time and space they need to grow is an example of stretching ourselves beyond our own needs and wants for the good of those we love. By giving others the emotional support they need and the freedom to experience life's challenges, we

extend ourselves and expand our capacity for trust and faith.

As we incorporate self giving into our gift giving this season, we should choose gifts that we know will bring joy to the recipients. Gifts should be an extension of ourselves and the love we have for each other. We have learned to cherish the little tok-

ens we exchange, which reflect our inner feelings, the way parents value their child's first drawings, looking beyond the surface and seeing the loving image of the giver. The happiness we feel in giving should equal the joy the recipient experiences on Christmas morning.

Come along with S.U.B. to a:

**\*Winter Wonderland\***

Tonight's the night!  
**December 11th**  
from  
**8:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**  
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Upstairs in the  
Marian Center Lounge,  
come spend:  
**"A Night in Wonderland"**  
with lots of refreshments!

Then, come down to the S.U.B. Club  
and dance the night away as we:  
**"Rock the House"**

"This is going to be a night to remember!" \*

# Cash

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**Dec. 15-18: 9:00-8:00**

**December 8-19**



# The Chaplain's Corner

by Fr. Mike Zahorchak

It's hard to believe but Christmas is just around the corner! Finals and then Christmas break. The Christmas spirit is everywhere in Avila.

And everyone loves Christmas because it's such a happy holiday. It seems that at Christmas, the whole world is lovable - and for one week-two, maybe, we DO love everybody. Or at least we love the people in our lives, i.e. at school, home, at work, wherever we meet others.

Did you ever stop to figure out the reason? It's really simple to understand, in a way. The reason we are so happy at Christmas is because we're GIVING! In addition to giving gifts and love, we also GIVE up our condemnatory judgments of others; we GIVE others the time of day, and the best "giving" of all, we give others the BENEFIT of the doubt.

In other words, we GIVE of ourselves - and that makes us UN-SELF-ish. We take the "self" out of "ourself". Thus we stress the other side of love, i.e. the giving.

From a religious standpoint, Christianity celebrates this "spirit", i.e. the "spirit of love" every year. This "love" took a special form 2,000 years ago when God became a human being. He did this to show us how to be happy - both here and hereafter. God showed us the way, viz. by LOVING, by having an attitude of UNSELFISHNESS toward Him, ourselves, our fellow human beings.

And He taught this in the best way possible - i.e. by ACTUALLY loving us so much that He wanted to become one of us, and so sanctify our humanity.

And Jesus continued this "loving" during His lifetime. He constantly gave of Himself to people - healing, comforting, blessing, Praying - ALWAYS for others.

And Christ did one other thing - He commanded His followers to be "LOVE-GIVERS".

So it only seems logical then

that the best way to prepare for Christmas is by "giving", by "loving", by being "unselfish".

I don't know if you've got the Christmas spirit as yet, but I'll tell you a way you can get it, and get it fast. Here are the particulars.

As you probably know by now, 11 of our students intend to give up 10 days of their Christmas holiday - from January 6 - January 15 - to go to Cuauhtemoc, Mexico. They are going so as to give of themselves to the people there - and to ACCEPT and RECEIVE love from these very same people.

The transportation costs amount to \$230.00 per student, \$2530.00 total. The problem is

self-evident; the funds - HOW? FROM WHOM? WHEN?

Here is an opportunity for YOU to be loving, to be giving, to be unselfish. How? By praying for our Avila students and/or contributing to their transportation.

So, with hope in the generosity of Avila, we know that our Christmas spirit will enable: Lisa Balch, Tim Barchak, Linda Bleyenbergh, Tony Juarez, Angela Lyna, Rossi Manzanares, Gary Mitchell, Rebekkah Montes, Jack Park, Mary Pat Veerkamp, & Patrick Wood. - to go to Mexico as Avila's emissaries of the Christmas Spirit.

Have a Blessed and Love-filled Christmas.

## Internships Available

Attention accounting students. MARC, the association of local governments for metropolitan Kansas City, is offering an internship program to students interested in gaining valuable business experience. Interns will have the opportunity to perform program reviews and audits of MARC subcontractors. Spring and summer internships are available. For more information, contact Dorothy Pope, MARC's director of Fiscal Affairs, at 474-4240.

Students in the fields of journalism, English, communica-

tions and public relations: Gain valuable public relations experience by writing articles and reports, working with the media, and planning and implementing promotional campaigns. MARC, the association of local governments for metropolitan Kansas City, is looking for spring and summer interns to help promote the broad range of programs and services it provides. For more information, contact Mary Beth Gordon, MARC's public relations manager, at 474-4240.

## Examiner Schedule

January - May, 1987

### Copy Due Dates

Thursday, January 22 . . . . Thursday, January 29  
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Thursday, March 19 . . . . . Thursday, March 26  
Thursday, April 2 . . . . . Thursday, April 9  
Thursday, April 16 . . . . . Thursday, April 23  
Thursday, April 30 . . . . . Thursday, May 7

### Publication Dates

## Christmas in Mexico

YOU can spend your Christmas Vacation in Mexico!!

**HOW:** By sponsoring one of Avila's students.

**WHAT:** Making adobe bricks and building a Church and houses for some of the 5,000 poor (squatters) who live in the Comunidad San Francisco de Cuauhtemoc. (250 miles south of El Paso in the Province of Chihuahua)

**WHO:** These Avila Volunteers:

Lisa Balch	Tony Juarez
Tim Barchak	Gary Mitchell
Mary Pat Veerkamp	Jack Park
Patrick Wood	Linda Bleyenbergh
Rebekkah Montes	Rossi Manzanares
Angela Lyna	

**WHEN:** Monday, JANUARY 6 until JANUARY 15, 1987.

**COST:** Transportation: \$230.00 per student.

**WHY:** To bring about God's kingdom on earth.

..... Tear out and Mail.....

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**BY:** Your prayers, especially of thanksgiving for our Volunteers. Making a donation to send them to Cuauhtemoc.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

Make checks payable to:

AVILA COLLEGE, MEXICO TRIP

Mail or give to: Fr. Mike Zahorchak, Chaplain  
Avila College  
11901 Wornall Rd.  
Kansas City, MO 64145

## Wanted

Coaching Assistants  
for  
Special Olympics  
Notre Dame De Sion  
39th & Locust

Mentally retarded young men, 20 years old and older. Contact: Johnnie Crooks at 931-0799 or 931-7557.

This experience can be used for extra credit for Special Education courses. Contact: Larry Drummond 531-0962.

## Just a Reminder...

### Classes Begin:

Weekend College:  
January 17, 1987

Day and Evening:  
January 19, 1987

Intensive Weekend:  
February 13, 1987

## 'Tis The Season To Save 10%!



From now until December 31st, you can save 10% at any Benetton store with this coupon. That's 10% off all our Italian funwear! So this holiday season, decorate yourself. Or a friend. For 10% less.

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## Attention Professors and Students

\$ CASH FOR CHRISTMAS \$

Cash paid for current college-level text books.

Books sold between December 11 - 24 worth more money.

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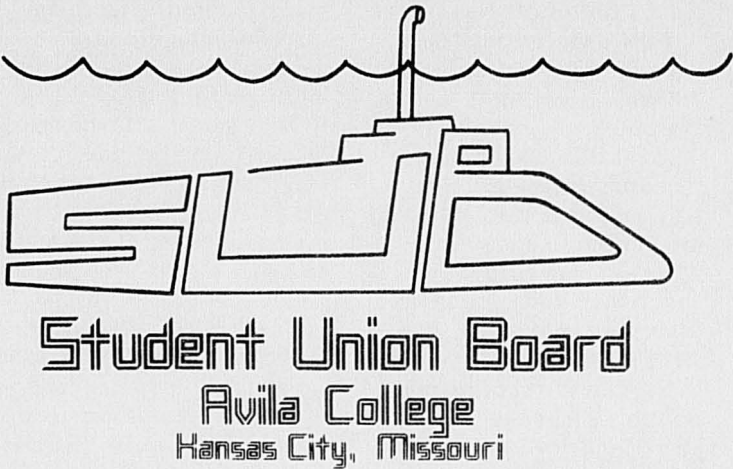
Writers, photographers, and editors are needed to fill staff vacancies. Interested students, with or without newspaper experience, are encouraged to become involved in the publication of this student newspaper.

Opinions expressed in the Avila Examiner do not necessarily represent the official position of Avila College but rather that of the Editorial Staff of the Examiner.

The Avila Examiner reserves the right to edit and print all materials received for publication.

For more information please contact Beth Maren, Residential Coordinator and Activities Advisor, Marian Centre, Avila College, 11901 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri, 64145.





Student Union Board is happy to announce the line-up for spring semester programs scheduled at this time. Additional programs will be added as the semester progresses.

- February 3 MARK SELBY —**  
Singer, songwriter, composer of a mix of rock, folk, blues and pop music he calls "Folk and Roll."  
Mark has just recently released his second album.
- EDDIE STRANGE —**  
Yes, the name is real and so is Eddie ... REAL STRANGE! Just wait 'til you see what Eddie looks like.
- March 4 DAVID COHAN —**  
You too can help this man become a star. He juggles, he jokes, he does the most amazing things with clubs, rings, and fire you'll ever see.
- April 8 SINBAD —**  
You've seen him as a finalist on "Star Search" and in starring roles in the made-for-television movie "Club Med" and "The Redd Foxx Show." On January 9 he'll begin co-hosting a new Dick Clark production, "Keep On Crusin" with Stephen Bishop. You wouldn't believe the direction this hilarious comedian's career is taking.
- April 30 DAVE WOPAT —**  
Brother of "Dukes of Hazzard" star Tom, Dave is a funny and entertaining musician. Dave's blend of vocals and guitar enhanced by using a computer-controlled eight-track sequencer, synthesizers, and programming drums, give the live sound of nine separate instruments programmed to perform simultaneously.
- OTHER EVENTS —**  
The regular **FILM SERIES** will be released at the beginning of next semester. Also, S.U.B. is planning two **DANCES**, one to be held in mid February and the other in late April/Early May.

S.U.B. meets weekly and offers opportunities for all students to involve themselves in the planning and production of the programs. All events are funded by your student activity fees. Contact the office of Student Life for the spring semester meeting time.

## Financial Aid Information

The necessary forms to apply for financial aid for the 1987-88 academic year are now available in the Avila Financial Aid Office on the lower level of Blasco Hall. Students are urged to pick them up before they leave campus for the Christmas holidays.

Several changes in the federal financial aid regulations will affect the application process for 1987-88. Therefore, students may want to ask one of the staff in the Financial Aid Office for guidance before completing the forms.

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- SPECIAL NOTE TO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:**
- \* Because scholarships are based solely on academic records, recipients are not required to submit any family financial data unless they also want to apply for need-based aid. However, **scholarship recipients must complete the demographic data on the Avila 1987-88 Application for Financial Aid** before we can put their awards into the computer system. \*
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## Avila's Annual Steer - Auction Dinner

by Djwana Jewitt

Everyone is cordially invited to the Eleventh Annual American Royal Steer Dinner/Auction. It will be held Friday, January 30, 1987 at Avila College Marian Centre. The reception and viewing of the auction items will be at 6:30 p.m. The dinner and auction will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The 1987 American Royal Steer Dinner is the eleventh event held by Avila since 1977. The syndicate has changed through the years. The benefactors are composed of Yellow Freight Boatmen's First National Bank, E. F. Hutton, Kansas City Star, and Boyle Meat Company. This year they will have three steers; one of the steers was the Reserved Grand Champion of the American Royal.

There will also be special drawing and attendance prizes which will include a Hawaiian Vacation for two donated by TWA and a \$1,000 Jones Store Shopping Spree in the Designer Showroom. In addition, this year's numerous exciting bonus gifts will be auctioned off along with the steaks -- an original "Cathy" Cartoon, weekend get-aways, a fur coat from Gerhardt's, even a champagne flight in a hot-air balloon! Don't miss this year's Steer Dinner. It will be bigger and better than ever!!

For more information contact Pat Martin in Blasco Development Office.

## STUDENT FORUM No Comfort from Washington

by Mike McCollow and Ken Dudzik

As the cost of education remains on what seems a never ending perpetual rise, it would be nice to know that the boys in Washington are sympathetic with the students' plight and are taking steps to help offset the costs with more allocations for financial help. Well, so much for comfort. On October 17, President Reagan signed his new Educational Financial Assistance Bill which makes it now harder than ever to obtain financial assistance. Under the new plan, many of the programs are staying the same, but who qualifies for them has changed. For instance, a student who used to qualify automatically for a loan if his family's income was under 30,000 a year must now prove significant need. Reagan's new bill allows loans to almost all students, but they now are more like bank loans, given at 12% interest and accumulating as soon as the loan is taken out.

A school such as Avila, according to Tom Lease, Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs, who splits their financial aid in half, giving almost a million dollars a year in "free help" such as scholarships and grants and another million in "self help" such as loans and work study will be less affected by this new bill than some state schools that give out more "self help".

Another change in Reagan's plans has the old "I'm an independent student give me some money" students are finding it a no go this time. To claim inde-

pendency now a student must be over 24, a veteran, an orphan, or a student with children.

Is this going to ever end? Is school going to cost \$60,000 a year in 5 years with the only help available a loan at 37% compounding daily? Of course you will only qualify for that if you are a homeless orphan or a cultural exchange student with the Nicaraguan government. Well, according to Connie Utton, Director of Financial Aid at Avila, things aren't that bad. Utton feels that if students would take more of an interest and write their legislators and let them know how important financial aid is, that maybe things would start to improve. It is interesting to note that President Reagan signed even this bill only after extreme pressure was put on him by congress members who are sympathetic to students' needs. Without that pressure, who knows what would have happened? We may have spent the money on a nuclear bomb that could blow up Russia 67 times instead of our now obsolete 47 times!

Of course things aren't really as bad as I make them seem. You are encouraged however to write to your local man in Washington, to speak with your financial aid people and pick up your packets for next year.

By the way, in an article with such bitter overtones I couldn't leave you thinking everything is peachy. The packets you fill out every year, well they're now eight pages instead of four.

## "The Perfect Gift"

by Patrick Wood

Dear Christ,

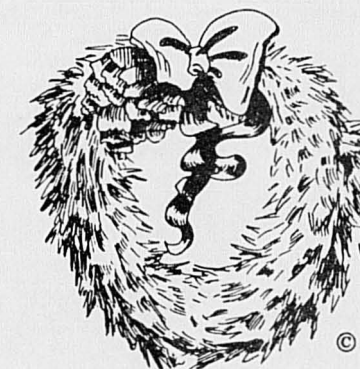
I glanced at my calendar this afternoon and noticed that your birthday is soon. The rapid pace of everyday life makes it easy to forget such important events as your birthday. So, I thought that I would be smart and send your birthday greeting and gift early this year, as to avoid the Christmas mail rush.

I walked the mall for the longest time, trying to figure out what to get as a birthday gift. I knew you couldn't use a Gucci handbag, a Teddy Ruxpin, nor a microcomputer, so I got them for my family. I don't know why -- it's not their birthdays.

Anyhow, I came across a passage in your book, and you mentioned that all you ever wanted was "peace on earth and goodwill toward man." This has been your life long birthday wish, hasn't it?

The best gift anyone could offer you would be a New Year's resolution to become more Christlike. Living your word and spreading the good news. I can hear you smiling. But, you and I know that it is easier said than done. But, it's the least I can do -- after all you have given me numerous gifts, as if my birthday was everyday.

Well, Merry Christmas -- OOPS! I meant, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!



## Unique Gift Ideas for the Holidays

by Chrissy Effertz

Are you tired of trying to find that perfect Christmas gift? A gift that is unique and unlikely to be found under the tree this year? Well, if you're looking for a unique gift and have a few hours to spare, then try Maudies at Crown Center.

Maudies, which is owned by Hallmark cards, is a store with a "real sense of humor". They offer a wide variety of items such as joke capsules, soap opera control pills, food-shaped soap, liquid bracelets, and even "People" bones. Maudies also has movie memorabilia, toys, bubbles, stuffed toys, calendars, games, and the list goes on.

Maudies, which has been in existence since Crown Center opened, has special Christmas items too. Here you might find items such as Christmas ornaments, chocolate guns, and even mistletoe headbands.

So, if you have a friend or relative that would appreciate an unusual gift, then try Maudies at Crown Center. But beware: take a watch with you or you may lose track of time in this wonderful world of unusual gifts!

## Attention

Those that ordered portrait packages at the yearbook photo sitting may pick them up in the office of Student Life during normal operating hours.



## Dear Men's Soccer Team,

As the final seconds ticked off the clock and your season came to a close, as athletes ourselves our hearts went out to you. We fully understood and underwent the same emotions that surfaced with you when it became evident that Rockhurst had won. At the same time we were aware of the hard work and countless hours of practice that had enabled you to stand proud on the Rockhurst field in the first place. When most of us were still enjoying our summer, you were running up and down the soccer field in the heat of August gearing yourselves for the upcoming season. Then while we sat alongside the hill you gave us something to forget our everyday problems with; you gave us a winning team to cheer for and be proud of. Who will ever forget Chris (fly) Hackett stealing countless balls after coming out of nowhere or Mike Corrigan's powerful mid-field scores? We'll also remember Gary Matson and Dan Mabry (M&M) for one impressive save after the other. Whether it was the British flag waving in the wind or the blond, goggled-eyed goalie, we knew our backfield was safe. There are countless numbers of other members that haven't been mentioned but that will remain in our hearts forever. Thanks Thump, Check, Sandar brothers, Ryan, and the rest of you for such an outstanding season, but special thanks must go out to Bobby Hoog, Chuck Otec, Andy Daude, Brian Smugala and John Hunnis for deciding upon Avila to play for. Next year we'll miss you all and can only wish you all the very best of luck. And John, thanks for showing us the determination and courage it takes to be an athlete.

We realize this letter won't change the outcome of the Rockhurst game but instead hopefully make it a bit easier to cope with knowing you're being supported. Thanks again guys for a wonderful team to cheer for but now it's our turn. (Rockhurst we've got your number!!!!)

Sincerely,  
The Women's Basketball Team

## Ski 87 Downhill Ski Trips

The Jackson County Parks and Recreation is sponsoring twelve COLORADO/CALIFORNIA DOWNHILL SKI TRIPS in 1987. The trips have been planned by professional travel agents and will be accompanied by experienced tour guides.

FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS have been reserved for each trip. Spacious, plush condominiums featuring balconies, full kitchens, fireplace, cable T.V., queen size beds, use of Jacuzzi and sauna, and reliable shuttle service are included in the majority of the packages.

SKI EQUIPMENT: Boots, skis, and poles are provided by Ski KC/The Slope. This gives you the opportunity to get used to your equipment several days before your trip and make necessary changes before departure. If a problem arises at

the slopes, a skier can rent equipment at the slopes and be fully reimbursed upon their return to Kansas City. Skiers with their own equipment may deduct the cost from the trip price.

LIFT TICKETS may be purchased individually at the slopes, or in some cases, for a discount at SKI KC/THE SLOPE. This provides the skier the freedom to take advantage of other winter activities, or purchase a half-day lift ticket and go shopping. The ski areas also offer multi-day discounts for those who wish to ski more than two days. Lift tickets can be purchased at the group rate, provided 25 or more are purchased at one time. Group rates will be coordinated at the pre-trip meeting.

For more information, call Mark Herron at 795-8200.

## Avalanche Rebound From Slow Start

by Brian Smugala

At Avila College, basketball has become rich in tradition. A tradition which has been based mainly on talent and most importantly, winning. This year seems no different. Coach Dennis Joyce pondered the loss of several key players from last years team that notched twenty victories. Most notable, the likes of Rubin Harden and Kendrick Lewis. Ironically, both of them will be back to help the Avalanche from the bench as assistant coaches.

With less talent winning comes quite harder, so hard work has to pick up the slack when talent runs out. Coach Joyce knew this would be the answer by saying, "This group may not have as much talent as the past, but they really work hard. I'm impressed; these guys have a lot of character." With the new three point shot rule in effect this year in the NAIA, it plays right into the hands of sharp shooter Mike McCollow. McCollow, a junior guard from Minneapolis, Minnesota, was asked his opinion on this years team; "As of lately, play has been picking up, though with Woody (Lance Williams) injured, winning may not come so easy." McCollow also added, "With

our next three games, we might just be better off playing the Soviet National team." McCollow referring to Pittsburg State, William Jewel, and Central Missouri.

So far this season, Joyce's squad has compiled a 4-3 record with a second place finishing the Shoney-Holiday Classic. When asked about the injury to Lance Williams, Joyce said, "With the loss of Lance, I look to Chris Houston and Mike Balano to pick up the scoring slack. Houston is a finesse player like Lew (Kendrick Lewis), where Balano is our muscle and power forward like Rubin (Harden)." Joyce also awaits the return of Wes Gibson, who will be eligible second semester. Gibson is Avila's defense specialist.

## Students Anticipate Christmas Break

by Lisa Ruggiero

As the semester draws to a close, anxious students procrastinate their studying for finals by anticipating their long awaited Christmas break. Many students agree on two things they will do over the Holidays: party and relax! Along with Christmas shopping and the other preparations such as sending out Christmas cards, spending time with their families, and catching up on the

latest news from old friends; many students also plan on working full time to save money before coming back to school this Spring.

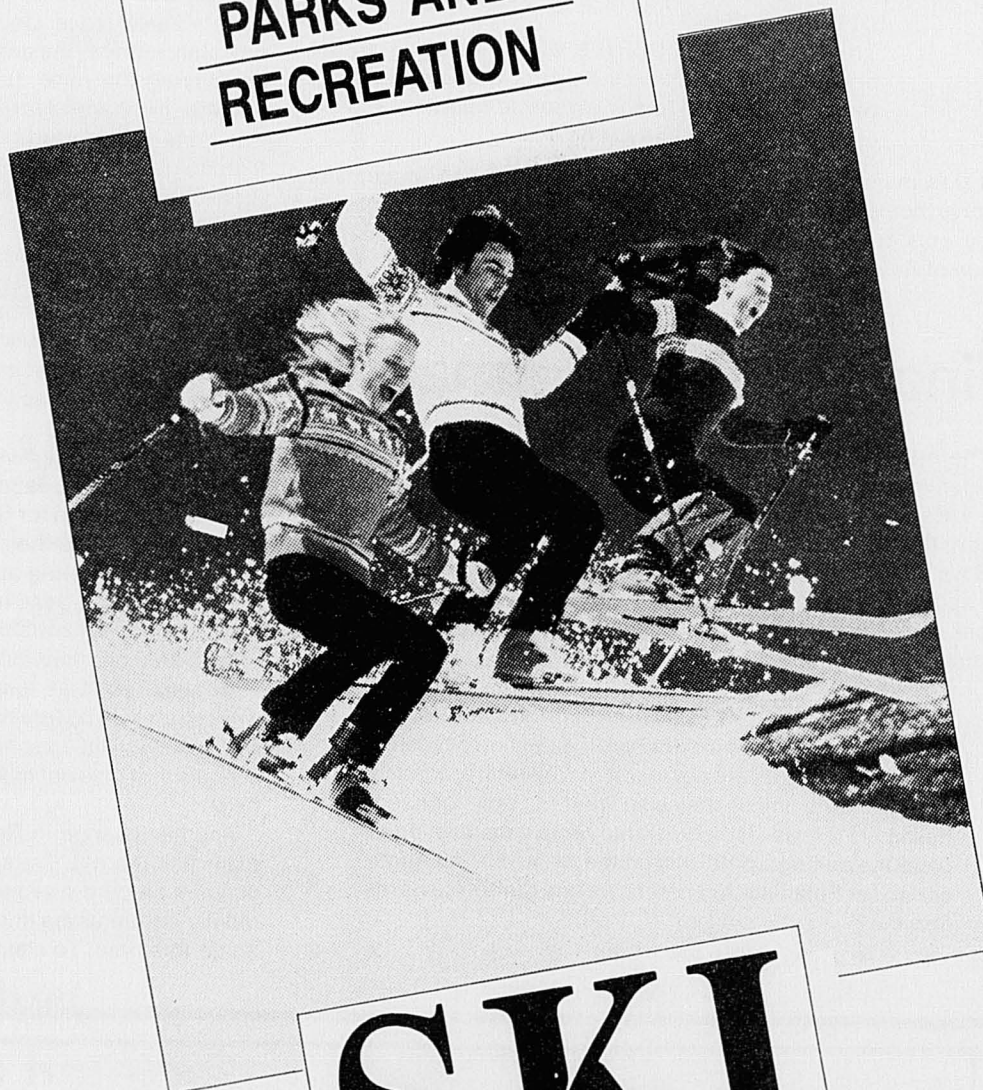
Some students are going out of town for the holidays. James Alexander said he is "going to Arkansas to visit Grandma." Sophomore Cindy Cook, still in awe over a cruise she went on during Thanksgiving, will "travel to Texas with the family." Erin Gibbons will lead a group of students on the annual Avila ski trip. Steve Thornhill claims he is "going goose hunting."

Patrick Wood, Gary Mitchel, Lisa Balch, and eight other students are volunteering part of their vacation to go to Mexico where they will help in building a church for a community there.

But, not everyone is hitting the road. Deb Amos and other members of the girls basketball team will have two weeks of vacation before they are due back at school for practice and games. One student, Marcia McMullen, is planning to spend her Christmas holiday "in hermitage preparing for her senior seminar with Sister Martha Smith."

Everyone has something planned for break, and although they won't admit it now, they will soon be ready to come back to school. HAPPY HOLIDAYS, whatever you do!

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